

POLITICAL POINTERS FROM WASHINGTON.

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Washington, May 2.—That reactionaries in the Senate are lying in wait for the farmers' free list bill and other progressive legislation passed by the Democratic House is becoming more evident every day. The obvious motive is two-fold, to protect the monopolies and profits of the tariff trusts and to prevent, if possible, the Democrats from fulfilling promises made to the people.

The group of Senate Tories is still able to exert a tremendous influence upon legislation. Having packed all the important committees of the Senate with men who take the same attitude toward the particular legislation to come before them that the big corporations take, the reactionaries are in a position to continue serving special privilege by obstructing the passage of measures desired by the people.

Among those whom the public may safely rely upon to oppose most of the progressive House measures are Gallagher, Smoot, Lorimer, Tamm, Clegg, McPherson, Lodge, Oliver, Warren, Perkins and a dozen others, who will at all times have the hearty cooperation of Vice-President Sherman, back to this group of reactionaries are arrayed the tariff trusts, the railroads, Wall street, standard oil and the balance of the organized wealth of the country.

Pitted against this combination are the Democrats and the progressive Republicans. The latter house will, when necessary, undoubtedly combine to prevent the passage of a bill, but they will be helpless at times to prevent the Tories from obstructing the passage of progressive House legislation, such as the farmers' free list bill.

About the only thing the average citizen can do is to keep tabs on the votes of his individual Representatives in both House and Senate, noting particularly whether they vote for or against legislation by the people, and when electing time rolls around to act accordingly.

Aldrich, Senator De Facto.

Co-operating with the group of Senate Tories that is planning to interfere with the passage of such anti-trust measures as the free list bill, is Nelson Wilmarth Aldrich of Rhode Island. Normally Mr. Aldrich is connected only with an institution of his own creation, called the monetary commission. The commission has a suite of rooms adjoining the rooms occupied by the Finance Committee, to which will go the free list bill.

If it should happen, opines the Cleveland Press, that the doors were open between the rooms of the Finance Committee and the rooms of the Monetary Commission, it might happen that former Senator Aldrich might communicate with Senator Penrose, the new chairman of the Finance Committee, and thus the titular head of the senate majority might have the benefit of the views of the ex-leader (and possibly leader de facto) of the United States Senate. As a matter of fact Mr. Aldrich keeps in close touch with all the reactionaries, just as he did while officially a Senator.

Taft Antagonizes Progressives.

President Taft took the leading part in the fight against giving the progressive Republicans of the Senate the committee places they demanded, which might result in leaving all the big Senate committees the same citadels of special privilege that they were in the previous Congress.

Before the Republican caucus was held the regular Republicans of the Senate signed an agreement by which they agreed to give the progressives a one-fourth representation on all the committees. Senator Penrose, who signed the agreement for the regulars, is said to have bitterly arraigned his regular colleagues for putting him in the position of breaking his political word, which he declared he had always especially prided himself upon keeping inviolate.

It now develops that Penrose's breach of faith with the progressives was forced by White House pressure. President Taft considers progressives like La Follette his personal enemies, and he does not want them in a position to assist in bringing about the passage of legislation like the farmers' free list bill, which they could do by combining with the Democrats if given the representation on the big committees to which their numerical strength entitles them.

Schedule "K" is Next.

Schedule K, the joker-filled wool schedule of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, will be the subject of the first general tariff revision of the Democratic house. All the jokers by which rates have been piled one upon another until the total has been far in excess of 100 per cent are to be abolished.

Likewise there will be abolished the infamous provisions of the Payne-Aldrich law by which materials containing wool, but really made of cotton, is taxed as wool. The average reduction on all items in the woolen schedule is expected to reach at least 25 per cent. What the Democrats propose will cause a tremendous outcry from the woolen trust and its allies, the producers of raw wool, and will no doubt provoke men like Warren of Wyoming.

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Lippett of Rhode Island and the other high protectionists of the Senate into predicting the downfall of the nation.

Wickersham is Worried.

United States Attorney General Wickersham is worrying. He is afraid the investigations to be made into the affairs of the steel trust, sugar trust, shoe trust and woolen trust will give these concerns immunity from prosecution. As all of these concerns, with the exception of a few \$15 a week employees of the sugar trust, have enjoyed absolute immunity from prosecution and investigation since the day Mr. Wickersham left the service of the sugar trust to become the chief prosecuting officer of the government, it is difficult to understand how the immunity which they might receive, but will not, through congressional investigations, could be any more complete than the immunity Mr. Wickersham has given them.

Should be Interesting.

The inquiry to be made by the House of Representatives into the political machine of Postmaster General Frank Hitchcock is one in which the whole country will be interested. The resolution of inquiry directs the Post Office Committee to determine how much political work is performed by postmaster and subordinate officers in the post offices of the country, and by what authority they neglect their official duties and violate the civil service law. It has long been charged that through Post Office Department patronage the Postmaster General has established a machine for the control of delegates to the National Convention.

COMMERCIAL CLUB.

The Farmington Commercial Club met in regular session last Monday and was called to order by President E. A. Rozier.

Rev. Father Joseph Collins, Messrs. Ernest Leanders and Harry Shaw were proposed and elected to membership.

Notation from Mr. M. M. York, Secretary of the Commercial Club of Ironton, relative to improvement of public highway through St. Francis county read and discussed, and the Secretary ordered to write Mr. York advising that as \$1,000 has already been appropriated by the County Court for the improvement of the road from Farmington to Iron Mountain, and this road having been well improved and now in good condition, the sentiment is not favorable toward making any effort to raise further funds by private subscriptions.

The elected officers, comprising a special committee to investigate and report upon suitable permanent quarters for the Club, reported at some length, and after discussion it was moved, seconded and carried that this committee secure a room over the St. Francis County Bank, rent it at once by the month, at a monthly rental of \$8, and proceed to occupy it without delay.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the committee be further empowered to select and buy at the expense of the Club suitable furniture which in its discretion is needed by the Club for club purposes.

Communication from J. A. Paul, President of the Southeast Missouri Drummers' Association, relative to number of Farmington citizens the Club would guarantee as passengers on special train for Drummers' Meeting, was read and discussed, and the Secretary directed to advise Mr. Paul that Farmington would with certainty send a delegation of ten or more persons, who would meet this special train at Bismarck May 24th.

The President appointed standing committees for the Club, as follows, and as provided in the by-laws, where the duties and functions of these committees are defined:

Membership—Geo. Morris, chairman, C. E. Hickok and Ernest Leanders.

Entertainment—Dr. C. R. Fleming, chairman, W. R. Taylor and E. J. McKinney.

Finance—J. E. Cover, chairman, A. Wulffert and W. M. Harlan.

Publicity—Edward C. Barroll, chairman, Harry Denman and T. C. Young.

After short talks by several members for the benefit of the town, the meeting was adjourned on motion to meet June 12th, or before on call, as provided.

A Lifetime Trouble.

Ingram, Texas.—"Ever since I became a woman," writes Mrs. E. M. Evans, of this place, "I suffered from womanly trouble. Last fall, it got so bad, I had to stay in bed for nearly a week every month. Since taking Cardui, I feel better than I have for years." You can rely on Cardui. Prepared especially for women, it relieves womanly pain, by acting on the cause, and builds up womanly strength where it is most needed. Purely vegetable. Mild, but certain in action. Try it. At your druggist's.

An Elk's Lodge has just been organized in Caruthersville with a good membership.

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"Sow an act and reap a habit;
Sow a habit and reap a character;
Sow a character and reap a destiny."

Growing Old.

"A little more tired at the close of day,
A little less anxious to have our way,
A little less ready to scold and blame,
A little more care for a brother's name,
And so we are nearing the journey's end,
Where time and eternity meet and blend."

What of Him?

Of 982 saloons in Kansas City, it is shown that 429 belong to brewers—a flat violation of the law. What now becomes of the "orderly and law-abiding saloonkeeper" who opposed prohibition because prohibition would make hypocrites and violators of law? "Rats"—Pittsburg Leader.

In olden times it was claimed that the closing of the saloons on Sunday would "ruin a town"; then it was claimed that all of the stores would go to the "how-wows." When there was talk of closing the barber shops and giving the barbers a rest on Sunday, the same people went straight up in the air. Those who shaved themselves made the most noise about it. The observance of the Sabbath day never ruined a town or a country. From every standpoint there should be one day of rest in seven, regardless of whether you believe that the Sabbath should be a day of worship or not.—Mexico Leader.

The St. Louis Republic is making a magnificent fight against several roadhouses in St. Louis county. The vilest joints in the world are some so-called hotels where whisky or dope are sold to young and old, male and female, white or black, with or without license. This class of dives flourishes in the counties outside of the big cities, and as a usual proposition, they would be a disgrace on a cannibal island, but for some reason or other are allowed to flourish in civilized communities. Every law-abiding citizen should line up with the Republic and assist in closing up all of those places that are violating the law.—Mexico Leader.

"The proof that Missouri is under the absolute dominion of the brewers is overwhelming. To begin with the testimony before our very eyes is that they are now proceeding everywhere upon the theory that they paid two million dollars on the 8th day of last November for the right to control the state and they are now defying its laws and running it just as they please. It is now in evidence that not a single high executive officer is raising his hand against them although their violations of the law are the most stupendous, frequent and easy of proof in the history of the crimes of the States."

The Last Legislature and Temperance.

The vote of the legislature, which has just adjourned, shows what the temperance forces of the State can do by united effort inside of the respective parties. The liquor forces in the full flush and prestige of a great victory fought every temperance measure as bitterly and brutally as they fought state-wide prohibition. They constantly paraded their great victory in order to intimidate and overcome members. They wished it distinctly understood what money could do, and that they had plenty left. If they could not buy him they now had the power to crush and ruin any man who stood in their way. They resorted to every means, fair and foul. They flooded the legislature with literature purporting to come from the patriotic, disinterested "Defense Committee" now outside the gates on their "saved" city and bent on defense but on conquest. They begged, flattered, overawed or made drunk, as occasion required or permitted. Little fellows trembled like quaking asps. Some hid out when the engagement was on. Outside of the judiciary, the example of most of those in authority was on the side of the liquor forces and their lawless henchmen. High state officials openly proclaimed themselves "wet" and passed under the power of the brewer as meekly as the trained ox places his neck under the yoke.

And yet the County Unit Bill passed the legislature by a safe majority. This, too, in spite of all the parliamentary tactics and delays the talented advocates of rum could invent, and all the impassioned oratory and invective to which they could resort.

It is now demonstrated beyond peradventure that the temperance forces in 1912 can elect legislators who will pass liquor laws demanded by justice and humanity. Whatever else is done a stirring campaign should be inaugurated at once to this end. The very best and ablest men in the state should consent to run as a patriotic duty which they owe to their country and their fire-side. The lovers of their homes and their civilization ought to begin at once in every county to pick their man. Make the fight in the primary. This is the place to be effective. Compel candidates to come right out and say openly where they stand and what they will do. Do not take the old hackneyed excuse of the dodger, "whatever the people decide that I will be for." A candidate for office ought to have the courage of his convictions. A lukewarm evasive fellow may be bragged on as "a man of fine character," etc., but we have noticed that the lawless gang invariably owns him after election.

A petition signed by 300 citizens of Madison county has been presented to the County Court, asking for a local option election.

ON THE DIAMOND.

Colleagues Overwhelm Schoastic Lads

The Carleton College baseball nine overcame the local High School team last Friday on Carleton's grounds by a score of 10 to 3. The collegians out batted, out fielded and out played their opponents at every stage of the game and the result was never in doubt. They played snappy ball and hit Moore at opportune times while the High School lads were helpless before Carleton's twirling and secured only seven hits off him. Carleton had their new line-up and it came up to all expectations. High School fielded raggedly and played wretched ball. Moore was hit hard and received wretched support, while Carleton, as before mentioned, twirled well and was well supported by his team mates, who were full of "pep" from start to finish. Whitener and Crowe did best for High School, while Evans, Hunt and Jones played excellent all-around ball for Carleton. Carleton leaves Tuesday for a trip through Southeastern Missouri.

The first run of the game came in High School's half of the first and was scored by Whitener, who singled to center, took second on a wild return and romped home when Morris bounced one off Mayberry's shins. Carleton came to bat and went one better, sending two red and white players over the pan. McDonald singled and stole second as Jones struck out. Evans singled, scoring the runner, and when Hunt doubled to left, he came home for Carleton's second tally. Jones followed with a safe swat to center, but Hunt was thrown out at the plate, trying to score from second on the throw.

The next tallies came in the third and were made by Carleton. With two down and the bases empty, Moore had Jones in the hole with two strikes and one ball, when "Dolly" picked out a high one and doubled to center. He came home on Evans' two-base swat to center, and Evans in turn scored on Hunt's hit through short. Buck stole second and tallied when Jones doubled to left center.

High School tightened the score in their half of the fifth by making two runs on hits by Moore and Whitener, with a bunt by Crowe sandwiched between.

Carleton came right back in their half of the seventh and sent five men across the paying off station. E. Carleton walked, stole second and scored when Jones singled to right. Jones took third on Evan's single, the batter moving to second on the throw-in. Both men scored when Hunt tripled to left. Hunt came home when Klein booted Jones' grounder. Jones stole second and crossed the plate when Crowe missed Mayberry's roller.

The score:
High School A. R. E. H. O. A. E.
Crowe, 1b., 4 1 2 0 0 0
Whitener, c., 4 1 2 0 0 0
Morris, c., 4 0 1 0 0 3
Ludwig, s., 4 0 0 0 1 2
Gleason, 2b., 4 0 1 0 0 0
Klein, 2b., 4 0 0 2 0 0
Hunt, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 0
Carleton, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0
Moore, p., 4 1 1 1 0 0
Evans, c., 4 0 0 0 0 0
Totals, 36 19 3 21 10 19
* Evans went in for High School in the sixth.

Carleton, A. R. E. H. O. A. E.
McDonald, c., 1 1 2 2 0 0
Jones, 1b., 1 2 2 1 0 0
Evans, c., 5 3 4 7 2 0
Hunt, 2b., 5 3 3 0 0 3
Jones, 2b., 4 1 2 1 0 0
Mayberry, 2b., 4 0 0 0 0 1
Johnson, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0
Taylor, 1b., 4 0 0 0 0 0
Carleton, p., 2 1 3 0 0 0
Totals, 36 19 3 21 10 19

Score by innings:
F. H. S. 1 0 0 0 2 0 0 0—3
Carleton 2 0 3 0 0 5 0—10

Earned runs, Carleton 6, High School 1; three-base hits, Hunt and Moore; two-base hits, Gleason, Klein, Morris, Crowe, Jones, Hunt, Jones, Evans and McDonald; bases on balls, off Carleton 1, off Moore 3; struck out, by Carleton 5, by Moore 7; Left on bases, Carleton 6, High School 7; First on errors, Carleton 5, High School 2; passed balls, Morris 3, Evans 1; hit by pitcher, Klein; sacrifice, McDonald; stolen bases, Gleason 1, Klein 2, total 3—McDonald 1, Jones 2, Jones 1, Mayberry 1, Johnson 1, total 7; time of game, 1 hour and 29 minutes; umpires, Bragg and Blue.

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